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RAIN WATER ENTERING FROM NEPAL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the main reasons for the floods in Eastern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar is due to rainwater entering into the country from Nepal;

(b) if so, whether the Government have prepared any action plan to tackle this menace;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the time by which it is likely to be prepared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d): A number of Indian rivers originate in Nepal and bring a lot of discharges during monsoon in Gangetic plains of UP and Bihar inundating a vast area. As per information received from Ministry of Water Resources, the following steps have been taken by the Central Governmentto assist the State Governments to tackle the problem arising out of floods due to water enteringinto the country from Nepal:

(1) Ganga Flood Control Commission which was set up by the Central Government in 1972has so far prepared Master Plans for flood control for 23 sub-basins. These plans have been handed over to the State Governments for implementation.

(2) His Majesty`s Government of Nepal has been moved to provide storage reservoirs on Kosi,Bagmati, Kamla Balan rivers in Nepal.

(3) The construction of embankments of rivers emanating from Nepal continues to be a priorityunder Aid to Nepal Programme. The embankment construction work on the Lalbakaiya river has been completed. The construction of embankments on Lalbakaiya, Kamla, Khando and Bagmati rivers is carried out in tandem both on the Nepalese and the Indian sides.

(4) Setting up of Hyderometeorological Stations under the service `Flood Forecasting andWarning Systems on rivers common to India and Nepal has also been taken up.

(5) Inter-country consultation for suitable projects on Mahakali and Kosi rivers are at an advanced stage of planning.

(6) Mechanism of a Standing Committee exists to deal with the problems of inundation on the Indo-Nepal border to take timely action.